

REMARKS

With respect to the first specie election, Applicant elects, with traverse, the linker of the formula $\text{H}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Si}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$. Claims 1-5, 15-20, 26, 29, 31-33 are readable thereon.

With respect to the second specie election, Applicant elects, with traverse, the permeation layer comprising a synthetic polymer hydrogel. Claims 1-5 and 15-33 are readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies that may be associated with this filing to counsel's Deposit Account No. **50-0639**. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication, or feels that an interview might facilitate prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (949) 737-2900.

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